

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Regarding Amendments

In the specification, a “Cross Reference to Related Applications” section has been added to reference related applications. These changes are of a clerical nature and do not add "new matter".

Claims 1 and 24-57 are now pending.

Claims 2-23 have been cancelled.

No claims stand allowed.

New claims 24-57 have been added by this Amendment and also particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention. These claims are believed to be allowable and their allowance is respectfully solicited.

No “new matter” has been added by this amendment.

New claims 24, 27, 30, 40, 44, 47, and 54 are independent claims that correspond to claims in a parent application of the present continuation application. Claim 24 is a method claim corresponding to claim 61 of USP 6,546,454. Claim 27 is a means-plus-function claim corresponding to claim 61 of USP 6,546,454. Claim 30 is a means-plus-function claim

corresponding to claim 28 of USP 6,640,279. Claim 40 is a memory claim corresponding to claim 61 of USP 6,546,454. Claim 44 is a computer program product claim corresponding to claim 18 of USP 6,092,147. Claim 47 is a method claim corresponding to claim 1 of USP 6,092,147. Claim 54 is a method claim corresponding to claim 11 of USP 6,092,147.


Request for Allowance

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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